

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :
Paul A. Vaughan : Group Art Unit: 3732
Appln. No.: 10/823,418 :
Filed: April 12, 2004 : Examiner: Ralph A. Lewis
For: VERTEBRAL STABILIZATION : Confirmation No.: 4783
ASSEMBLY AND METHOD : Customer No.: 21967

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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2006,
Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the
above-identified patent application in view of the following
amendments/remarks, which are believed to place the above-
identified patent application in condition for allowance or in
better form for consideration on appeal.

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